

and be given an opportunity maybe to discuss further maybe some kind of a compromise that might in some way benefit the counties rather than the state getting all those funds, and I don't deny the fact that the state in trying to set up their computer system and all that they too need this money and I certainly don't want to take away from their position. There was one other issue that I thought might be discussed before we were through and it doesn't necessarily have to do with registration and fees but it is directly related to the entire package and that has to do with the prestige plates. We have been visiting with the people, learned that the amount of people who would buy plates would certainly increase. I'm not totally convinced that it would increase to the degree that they said to replace the money that might be lost, and maybe this is an issue that needs to be discussed at least at some length and get an opinion and I suppose we'll get a chance to that when we get to that particular division of this bill. With that, I will cease and let somebody else take their turn. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Wehrbein, on this portion of the committee amendments.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Hall, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I really don't know how much more I'm going to question on this because we have spent several minutes obviously in the Appropriations Committee discussing this very issue but I do want to impress upon the body the importance of this particular not only amendment, but the whole bill. I thought it might be appropriate for me to do a little history on this because back in November at the special session number three in 1992, I think it was, I tried to bring this very issue to the body via a suspension of the rules motion and if you recall it lost by one vote. I had 29 out of the 30 because we did feel that this was a pretty important bill even at that time. There was not much interest at that time in bringing this bill forward because I think most felt they did not want to raise fees, but here we are in 1993 and I think it's fairly apparent to all of us that it not only is timely perhaps to do this but appropriately that we raise the fees and these particular ones probably raise the most money in the whole bill in themselves, this particular amendment. I guess we are discussing Section 3 and Section 16 specifically at this point for those that are watching. But we do have a need for many of these license fees to be, or these registration fees to be increased, and I should remind people, I think we're not taking this obligation lightly.